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REGIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS MEET IN BUENOS AIRES

PY071411 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 2055 GMT 6 Jul 84

[Text] Buenos Aires, 6 Jul (NA) -- Top-ranking Communist Party leaders from nine South American countries are meeting in Buenos Aires to study the crucial problems of the region, including the foreign debt problem, the situation in Central America, and the Bolivian process. The meeting is scheduled to close on 7 July. The conclusions of the meeting will be disclosed on 7 July during a press conference at Argentine Communist Party headquarters.

Among others attending the meeting are: Athos Fava, Argentine Communist Party secretary general; Rodney Arismendi, former senator and Uruguayan Communist Party secretary general; Jorge Molle, senator and Bolivian Communist Party secretary general; Simon Reyes, leader of the Bolivian Labor Federation and national deputy; Gilberto Vieira, senator and Colombian Communist Party secretary general; Valentin Pacho, CGT General Confederation of Peruvian Workers secretary and member of the Peruvian Communist Party; Rene Monge, Ecuadoran Communist Party secretary general; and Ruben Dario Souza, Panamanian Communist Party secretary general. Also attending the meeting are Communist Party leaders from Chile, Brazil, and Paraguay. According to Argentine Communist Party sources, their names have not been disclosed "for security reasons." Present at yesterday's opening session was a delegation of the Sandinist Liberation Front in Argentina. It has held meetings with several political parties. Cuban Communist Party representatives are attending the meeting as observers.

Communique, Press Conference

PY071923 Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish 1815 GMT 7 Jul 84

[Text] Buenos Aires, 7 Jul (DYN) -- In a communique issued today, South American Communist Parties agreed on the need to coordinate a regional action to confront "the aggressive and belligerent policy of the U.S. Administration" and to support "all democratic demands" in the continent. The communique was released at the end of a congress held here to analyze the politico-economic situation of the region.

The meeting was attended by the top national leaders of 13 countries, and received as observers a delegation of the Cuban Communist Party and an official delegation of the "Nicaraguan Sandinist National Liberation Front.

The debates centered on discussions regarding "the politico-economic situation of the various countries which attended the congress, as well as those at the continental level as part of a vigorous and unprecedented mobilization for democracy," and on the forumulation of a plan "to confront the destabilizing and coup-oriented plans encouraged by the imperialists and the local oligarchs."

It was attended by the secretaries general and other important members of the Communist Parties of Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Panama, Cuba, and Guyana. The meeting was chaired by Secretary General of the Argentine Communist Party Athos Fava.

In a communique released during a press conference with local and foreign journalists, the South American Communists denounced "the mounting and multifaceted economic, military, political, and diplomatic aggressiveness of Yankee imperialism against Cuba, and the brazen interventionism in Nicaragua."

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[Text] San Jose, 20 Jul (EFE) -- The president of Costa Rica, Luis Alberto Monge, today opened the special assembly of the Latin American Parliament.

The Parliament was convoked to analyze globally the problem of the continent's external debt, which totals $350 billion.

Monge affirmed that the sacrifices demanded of the Latin American economies are the result of internal money problems provoked by a lack of adequate policies, a lack of incentives for saving, and errors in monetary and exchange policies.

The deterioration of the terms of exchange, the world economic recession, increased interest rates in the developed nations, and increased oil prices are some of the causes of our crisis, the chief of state declared.

The president of the Costa Rican legislative Assembly, Bernal Jimenez [as received] said that the Latin American economy "has been the victim of perverse terms of exchange with regard to foreign commerce."

"Under present conditions," servicing the external debt would leave the region without foreign currency to continue its development, as it "would actually absorb two thirds of the income from exports," Jimenez said.

Consensus on Foreign Debt

PA212245 San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish 0100 GMT 21 Jul 84

[Text] At the end of the plenary session of the Latin American Parliament's special meeting, a consensus was reached to jointly face the payment of the foreign debt to creditor countries and private world organizations. In addition, it has been reported that Brazil proposed the nonpayment of the foreign debt and, based on this stance, to begin negotiations leading to the refinancing of the debt.

The Dominican Republic representative said that it is time to export to new markets, specifically those of socialist countries.

Costa Rica is not reluctant to pay its obligations, but will propose that longer grace periods be given and that interest rates be fixed for as long as payments are made, deputy Javier Bolanos said.

It was also stated that the OAS has appointed a committee to find a solution to the problem in accordance with the needs of each of the Latin American countries.

Meeting of Presidents Urged

PA220252 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 0213 GMT 22 Jul 84

[Text] San Jose, 21 Jul (ACAN-EFE) -- The Latin American Parliament today called for a meeting of Latin American heads of state so that they "will adopt specific decisions on the subcontinent's foreign debt problem."

At the end of their special 3-day meeting in San Jose, the parliamentarians of 16 Latin American countries reached the conclusion that "the joint $360 billion foreign debt is the most important problem that our countries have experienced since the beginning of their independent life."

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